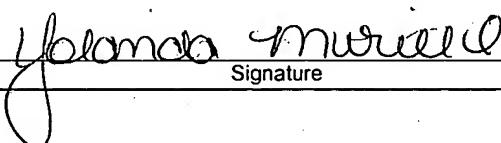


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**REQUEST FOR FILING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a divisional application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 10/229,457 filed August 28, 2002, entitled "METHOD OF REDUCING OXIDATION OF METAL STRUCTURES USING ION IMPLANTATION, AND DEVICE FORMED BY SUCH METHOD."

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 10/229,457 as originally filed; including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in

the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a) The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 10/229,457.

(b) Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

2. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1040.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Clause No. 7 below.

**CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER ENTRY
OF THE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee -----				\$770.00
Total Claims	35 - 20 =	15 X	\$18.00 =	\$270.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0 X	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)	-----			\$0.00
			TOTAL FILING FEES:	\$1040.00

3. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be

required for any reason relating to this document, or credit any overpayment to
Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2008.006382.

4. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.

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6. The prior application is presently assigned to Micron Technology, Inc..

7. Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this amendment are included in the check at No. 2 above and said fee has been calculated after cancellation of claims and after amendment of claims by the preliminary amendment.

8. Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449.

9. Enclosed are formal drawings.

10. Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).

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